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YEARBOOK

Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc.

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History

QCWA was founded in 1947 when six members of a ten-meter "round table" decided they should meet with other old-timers and form an Association of Amateur Radio operators who had been licensed for at least twenty-five years. These founders of the Association were

John Di Blasi, W2FX
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The official organization of the Quarter Century Wireless Association was accomplished at a meeting held on December 5, 1974. Officers elected were

President: John Di Blasi, W2FX
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There were 34 old-timers from the New York area present at that first meeting. Charter membership was expanded to include 11 more for a total of 54 Charter Members. In the 28 years since that time, the Association has grown until there are now 89 chapters located in 32 states and Canada and Australia. Members are located in 24 countries throughout the World and well over 10,000 memberships have been issued. The current active membership is 7345.

This Yearbook is dedicated to those founding fathers who started QCWA. They can certainly be proud of the organization it is today.

Foreword

This Yearbook is the result of our first "break through" in getting the QCWA records into a computer program. It has taken a lot of blood, sweat, and tears to get the program ready, but we feel we now have a very useful tool. From now on, the production of listings should be a breeze. (I still have calouses on my knees from the last sorting of 7300 cards on my hands and knees on the living room floor. Never again!)

There are some limitations on computers, however. Names and addresses must be adjusted to fit into the available fields, so you may not be able to have all the military title information, etc., that you would like, Addresses may be somewhat abbreviated. Also, it is inevitable that there will be some new errors introduced in the key punching. But once we get the "bugs" worked out, we should have a very good and useful system.

We have run a couple of cross checks and have already shaken out some of the errors that have been accumulating over the past 28 years - transpositions of numbers, mis-punched numbers, etc., etc. Some of you will be getting notices that your QCWA number has been changed to conform to the original records.

Remember, too, that the cut-off date of this Directory was 1 January, 1976. Any new memberships or any changes received since the first of the year will not appear in this listing.

If there are errors, or changes that should be made, please let us know. We are anxious to have these records as accurate as possible. We are trying very hard to give you the best service possible.

Ethel M. Smith

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Executive Secretary

QCWA Chapters

1 January, 1976

Akron (Ohio)
Alabama (Birmingham) Inactive
Anthracite (Weatherly, PA)
Arizona (Phoenix)
Ark-La-Tex (Shreveport)
Atlanta (Georgia) Inactive
Austin (Texas)
Baltimore (Maryland)
Blue Ridge (Hendersonville, N.C.)
Caloosa (Ft. Myers, FL)
Canton (Ohio)
Carolinas - Inactive
Central CA Coast (San Luis Obispo)
Central Illinois (Bloomington)
Central Indiana (Indianapolis)
Central New York (Binghampton)
Central Ohio (Columbus)
Central Oklahoma (Oklahoma City)
Chicago Area (Illinois)
Citrus (Orlando)
Cleveland (Ohio)
Colorado (Denver)
Dallas (Texas)
Dayton-Cincinatti (Ohio)
Delaware Valley (New Jersey)
Detroit Metro (Michigan)
Eastern New York (Schenectady)
East Tennessee (Knoxville)
El Paso (Texas)
Everglades (Ft. Lauderdale)
Evergreen (Spokane, Wash.)
Ft. Wayne (Indiana)
Ft. Worth (Texas)
Findlay (Ohio) Inactive
Finger Lakes (Syracuse, NY)
Flor-Ala (Pensacola, FL)
Gateway (Jacksonville, FL)
Gator (Tampa, FL)
Gulf Coast (Gulfport, MS)
Harrisburg (Pennsylvania)
Houston (Texas)
Joliet (Illinois)
Long Island (New York)
Lubbock (Texas)
Metropolitan NY (New York)
Michigan (Saginaw)
Mid Continent (Kansas City, KS)
Missouri (St. Louis) Inactive
Mohawk Valley (Utica, NY)
Muskegon (Michigan)
National Capital (Ottawa, Canada)
Nebraska (Omaha)
Nevada (Las Vegas)
New England
Niagara Frontier (Buffalo, NY)
Northern California (San Francisco)
Northern Lights (Anchorage, Alaska)
Northern New Jersey
Northern Virginia (Wash. D.C. area)
Northwest Seattle, Washington)
Oklahoma (Oklahoma City) Inactive
Palmetto State (Columbia,SS.C.)
Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania)
Razorback (Arkansas)
Reading (Pennslyvania)
Rio Grande Valley (Texas)
Road Runner (Albuquerque, NM)
Sailfish (Jensen Beach, FL)
San Antonio (Texas)
San Diego (California)
Southeast Florida (Miami)
Southern California (Los Angeles)
Southern Ontario (Canada)
Spaceport (Melbourne, FL)
Suncoast (Sarasota, FL)
Sunflower (Wichita, KS)
Susquehanna (Lancaster, PA) Inactive
Suwannee (N.W. Florida)
Sydney (Australia)
Tennessee Valley (Huntsville, AL)
Texas Golden Triangle - Inactive
Toledo (Ohio)
Treasure Coast (Vero Beach, FL)
Tulsa (Oklahoma)
Tyler (Texas)
Upper Midwest (Minneapolis, MN)
Washington, D.C.
West Branch (Williamsport, PA)
West Virginia (Charlestown, WV)
Wichita Mountain (Lawton, OK)
Wisconsin (Milwaukee)